

THE COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1117

Monday, the 3rd August 1942
18th Karkadagam 1117

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Messrs. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CHANGE IN NAME—VELLARAPPILLI TO SREEMOOLANAGARAM

51. **Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** (*Narakkal*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when was the name "Vellarappilli District" changed into "Sreemoolanagaram District";

(b) what was the resolution passed by the Vellarappilli Panchayat on this subject and what were the recommendations made by that Panchayat; have Government taken any action thereon?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) :

(a) In 1112.

(b) A copy of the resolution is appended. (*See Appendix*) The request was to change the name of the place into "Sreemoolanagaram" and it was allowed.

RURAL LIBRARIES

52. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur-South*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the supply of books to the Rural Libraries has been entrusted to any body or firm;

(b) whether the Advisory Committee in connection with the Rural Libraries has ceased to function if it exists, or has it ceased to exist?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : (a) No.

(b) The Rural Library Committee has ceased to exist.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) : May I know when the supply of books is generally made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : It is done in the course of the year.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) : In which particular month, please?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : For the last two years it was not done in any particular month. This year also it has not been completed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) : May I know whether the books are supplied by the Government after purchasing from a number of shop-keepers or is any particular shop-keeper or firm asked to supply the books to the libraries?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : In 1116 the arrangement was that the Committee invited tenders and entrusted the supply of books to a contractor and from the files it is seen that there were some complaints regarding the supply. Even now that enquiry is not over. In 1117 the Committee wanted to purchase the books themselves and supply them to the libraries. The Government allowed the Committee to effect this purchase direct.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) : What exactly is the intention of the Government with regard to the purchase of books to be given this year?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*) : In 1117 the Committee has already made arrangements.